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FOUR DUCKINGS FOR LEONARD

All in the day's work for the lad who plays young David Copperfield

Leonard Cracknell missed a fortnight at school to rehearse the part of Master David Copperfield—for the BBC's television version of Dickens's immortal story. But the lot of a young actor is not all honey, as CN correspondent Edward Lanchbery here makes quite clear.

"ALL right, Leonard," said Stewart Burge, directing the film sequences in Suffolk for the BBC's television version of David Copperfield, "pick up the box and walked forward."

The wooden trunk looked heavy, but Leonard Cracknell swung it easily on to his shoulder.

"No, not like that!" exclaimed the director. "That's supposed to be full. Lift it as though it's heavy, or otherwise we'll have to put some stones in."

And this time the boy who plays young David Copperfield lifted the trunk as if it were indeed filled with clothes for his visit to Mr. Peggotty, his nurse's great-hearted brother who lives in an old boat on Yarmouth beach.

But ask Leonard Cracknell what he remembers most about the filming on location, and he will reply "Getting wet." He took four duckings in the sea before he at

Cracknell is not a pupil of a school of drama.

About a year ago his history master, who was interested in the local repertory theatre at Hornchurch, Essex, took him to the producer. At a result Leonard was given the part of a newspaper boy delivering papers at the beginning of the play Our Town.

Leonard enjoyed his few minutes on the stage, but was disappointed to find he was not allowed to take a curtain call. His licence to act required him to be out of the theatre by ten o'clock, and the play did not end until ten past.

FIRST CURTAIN CALL

This brief stage debut led to Leonard getting the role of Alfie when the Hornchurch repertory company presented The Desperate Hours. This in turn led to his taking over the juvenile role for the last three months in the original London production of Waiting For Godot. This time, to his joy, the play ended before ten o'clock, and Leonard was able to take his first curtain call in the West End.

Later, when Waiting For Godot was produced at Hornchurch, Leonard repeated the part with the repertory company. Here, too, the performance was timed to end before 10 p.m., and Leonard was looking forward to taking a curtain call in his own home town.

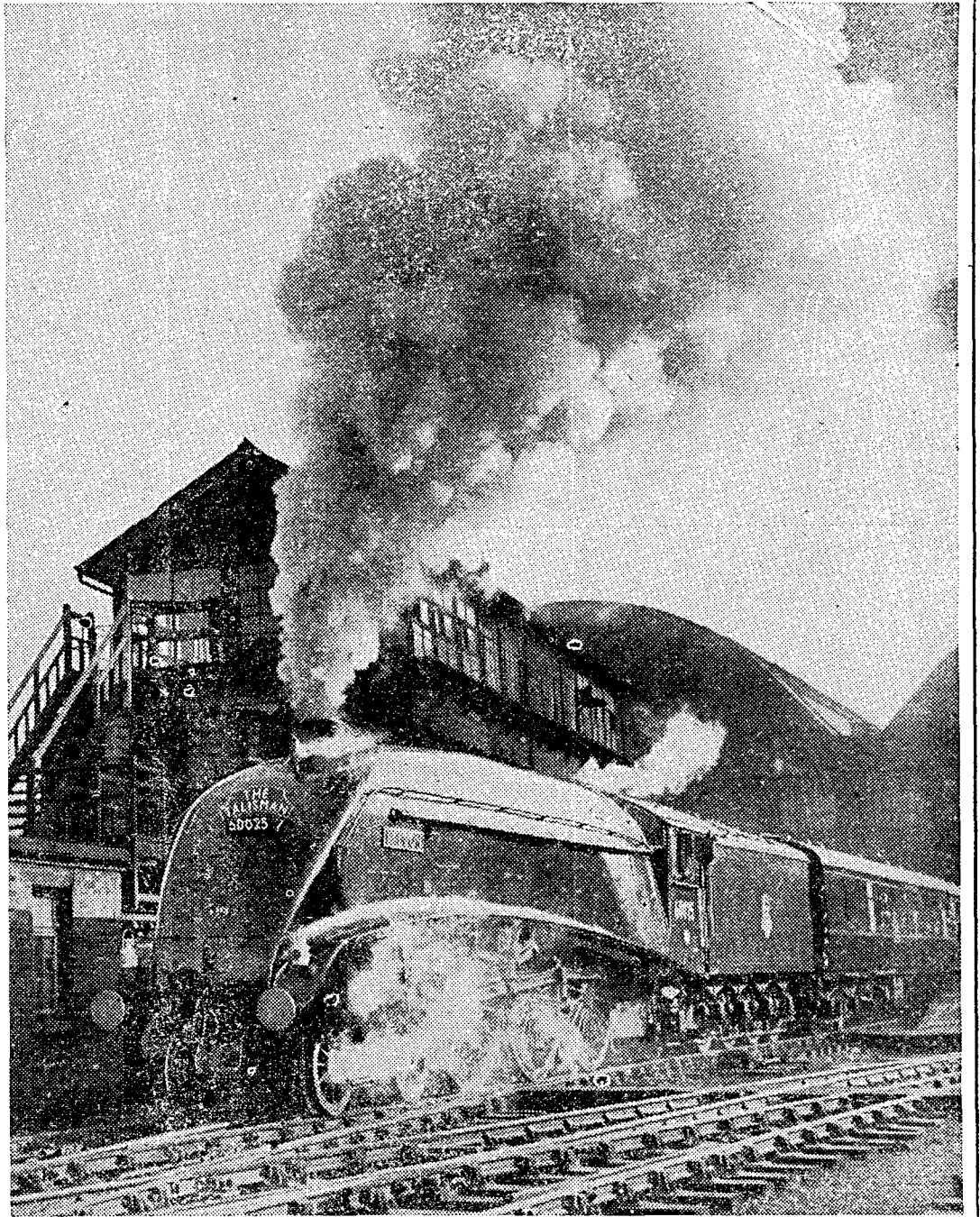
BAREFOOT ACCIDENT

In one part of the play, however, Leonard had to race barefooted down a street with shrubs held in position by wire netting. There was not so much room as there had been on the London stage, and he gashed his little toe against the wire.

The stage-manager looked concerned. "You had better put some slippers on," he said.

At the end of the play Leonard ran gaily on stage, but the leather soles of the slippers were too slippery for him. Instead of bowing gracefully to the audience, he sat down with a bump!

Until this last exciting year Leonard Cracknell had thoughts of following his father into the printing trade, but that idea has now taken second place to a desire to be an actor. At 15½ he still has another year of school and



Off to Edinburgh

The new London to Edinburgh express has been named The Talisman, title of the famous novel by Sir Walter Scott. The train covers the 390 miles in six hours forty minutes, including one stop. It is seen here leaving King's Cross.

the G.C.E. examination to face.

Other boys may be envious of the fact that he has missed the first fortnight's school for the David Copperfield rehearsals, but it is a mixed blessing. A condition of the television engagement is that every hour of schooling missed will be made up in extra work during the rest of the term.

David Copperfield is Leonard Cracknell's first television appearance and his most important role so far. But already, to borrow from another of Charles Dickens's works, it may be said that, like Pip, he is a young man of Great Expectations.

DOWNFALL OF A DRAGON

The great dragon weathervane on the spire of St. Mary-le-Bow, church of the world-famous Bow Bells, has been taken down in the work of restoring the church, which was ruined in the blitz on London.

Made in the time of Sir Christopher Wren for £74, the dragon is of gilded copper, weighs two and a half hundredweight, and is nine feet long.

Fittingly enough, the foreman in charge of the operations which brought the dragon down was Mr. George.

AIRMAN WHO LANDED IN PRISON

Heading home after crop-dusting operations in Wichita, Kansas, an American pilot was recently forced to land in prison!

Caught in a heavy gale, and running out of fuel, he suddenly saw the high walls of Oklahoma State Penitentiary looming ahead. Luckily he just cleared the top and was able to land without damage to himself or his plane on the exercise yard.

AUSTRALIAN SHEEP IN INDIA

Some Australian sheep of a type known as Polworth, which were taken to India some little time ago, are now grazing in Kashmir at the foot of the Himalayas. They are thriving so well that India has asked for more of this particular breed.



Leonard Cracknell in the role of Master Copperfield

last clambered out with his clothes clinging to him, to hear happy words that showed the director was satisfied with the shot of David Copperfield being pushed backwards off the end of a jetty.

Another day, squelching along a farmyard track after heavy rain, he covered himself with mud up to the knees. A friendly farmer who had been washing down cattle said: "It looks as though you could do with this more than the cows," and proceeded to spray the mud off him with a hose.

Unlike most child actors on stage and television, Leonard



Built in the back garden

In the past year Mr. Benjamin Bird, of Loughton, Essex, has built himself this four-berth motor cruiser in his back garden with his wife and two children to help. The cruiser will make its first trips on the River Lea.

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS ROUND THE WORLD

A new translation of Pilgrim's Progress has been made for the Batoka people. They belong to the Zambezi Valley, though they are now being moved to new homes because the new Kariba Dam will eventually flood their valley.

Bunyan's immortal work has now been translated into 147 languages; even the Chinese edition, long prohibited, is now available again from the printing presses in Hong Kong.

Four years ago a Gaelic translation was welcomed in many homes in the outer Hebrides. In fact, in Orkney and Shetland, John Bunyan's book stands alongside the Bible as a precious possession in the crofter's house. It was a Scottish missionary who years ago taught the incidents of the Pilgrim's Progress to Tibetan travellers in Nepal, and their eagerness for Bunyan's narrative led to the translation of it into Tibetan. A copy of the book was sent to the Dalai Lama of those days and a monthly newspaper in Tibet ran Pilgrim's Progress as a serial.

What makes this book so attrac-

tive to so many different peoples is the simple but realistic way in which Bunyan tells the story, and his never-failing gift for drawing characters. Artists find his gallery of people easy to portray in the style of their own country.

An Indian Pilgrim, for instance, with a heavy burden on his back is a familiar sight on the Indian roads, and there is a Japanese version of Goodwill opening his Wicket Gate clad in a glistening kimono.

One African edition has been illustrated from original photographs showing the perils of local bush and river travel which offer a lively accompaniment to the text. In a Korean Pilgrim's Progress a Korean angel waits in the clouds to welcome Faithful to Beulah Land. In the South Sea Islands, too, whole days are sometimes given up to a Bunyan Festival which Bunyan himself might well have considered as an improvement on Vanity Fair.

One African was surprised when told that Bunyan had written his book three hundred years ago in England. He said he had met the same people in Africa.

BOY SWIMS FROM GUERNSEY TO HERM

Brian Chapman, an 11-year-old Guernsey schoolboy, recently became the youngest swimmer ever to complete the three miles between St. Sampson's Harbour and Herm.

Altogether it took him two hours 31 minutes, and he says he was very bored towards the end of his swim. "I could see the shore quite clearly, but it took so long to get there."

The occasion was the annual Guernsey to Herm swim organised by the Guernsey Swimming Club,

and Brian's feat was watched by his mother and father from one of the small boats which accompanied the swimmers.

Brian was swimming captain of his former school, Amherst Primary, last year, and also school swimming champion. He took part in all the island championship galas this year, and won a few second and third places in under-14 events.

An all-the-year-round swimmer, Brian also plays rugby, hockey, and soccer in the winter.

Rescue from the chasm

One night in May this year George Stout fell down a deep chasm in the cliffs on the west of Fair Isle, midway between Orkney and Shetland. In his fall he broke his leg and lay helpless.

Search parties set out, and when at last they found him twelve men began the task of rescue by the light of a paraffin lamp.

Some descended into the black cleft, previously thought to be unscalable, while others held the rope and made ready to haul. After tremendous efforts George Stout was tied to a stretcher and raised to the cliff top.

This was a feat of sustained courage and determination in face of perils and difficulties hard for those not acquainted with these tremendous precipices to imagine.

Now the islanders have been presented with a bronze medallion and plaque, the highest award of the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust, together with £100.

With practical good sense, the inhabitants of Fair Isle have decided that the £100 shall be put towards a fund for supplying the island's homes with electric light.

PRESENT FOR THE FUTURE

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SEEING THE NAVY AT HOME.

Two hundred people went aboard four Royal Navy ships the other day at Plymouth to see Jack Tar at work. They had special interest in what they saw, for they were all relatives of members of the crews of the ships—the frigate Vigilant, the destroyer Carron, and the minesweepers Jewel and Acute.

The visitors were taken on a two-hour cruise to the Eddystone Lighthouse and back, and then given lunch on the mess decks.

GONDOLAS WITH A CHUG-CHUG

The romantic spectacle of colourfully clothed gondoliers easing their graceful craft along the canals of Venice may become rarer now that motorised gondolas have appeared on the Grand Canal.

The new craft keep the appearance of the traditional gondola, but first reports indicate that some Venetians do not take kindly to the chug-chug of a petrol engine.

News from Everywhere

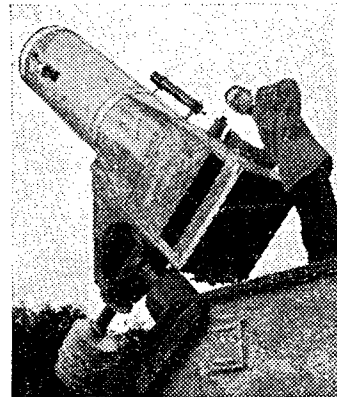
A ten-and-a-half mile pipe-line has been completed in Glasgow to carry water from the Mugdock reservoir to the south side of the city.

FAST MILE

A new world record for the standing-start mile for cars was broken at Bedford by a Cooper-Jap at a speed of 93.88 m.p.h. The car crossed the finishing line at a speed of nearly 200 m.p.h.

Using a rod made from an ex-Army radio aerial, 16-year-old Peter Young, of Derby, landed an 18-lb. pike at Meynell Lake, near Derby.

Home-made



Mr. George Hole, of Brighton, made this 24-inch telescope in a garage workshop. It took him three years, including two for grinding the mirror.

The first traffic lights in the Channel Islands are to be installed this winter at St. Helier, Jersey.

John Land, 14, of Fleet, Hampshire, was rewarded with a flight in a Rapide flown by Peter Twiss, holder of the world air speed record, after he found the braking parachute jettisoned by the Fairey Delta II flown by Mr. Twiss at the Farnborough Air Show.

Mrs. Eisenhower recently went with the President to visit her birthplace. It is a bungalow at Boone, Iowa, in what is now called Mamie Eisenhower Avenue.

At the present rate of increase the world's population will be doubled in 50 years.

STATUE TO STANLEY

A statue of H. M. Stanley, great explorer of Central Africa, is to be set up on the hill bearing his name outside Leopoldville, capital of the Belgian Congo.

A speaker at the annual congress of the British Veterinary Association said that a slipped disc is as common in dogs as in human beings.

There were 60 curtain calls for the performance in Berlin of a new opera named King Stag.

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Each of the ships will carry 470 passengers, and will have swimming pools and air-conditioning in both passenger and crew quarters. Much of the cargo space is refrigerated for carrying meat.

The names of the ships—Amazon, Aragon, and Arlanza—have been chosen from old Royal Mail ships now out of service.

BUZZ BONNET

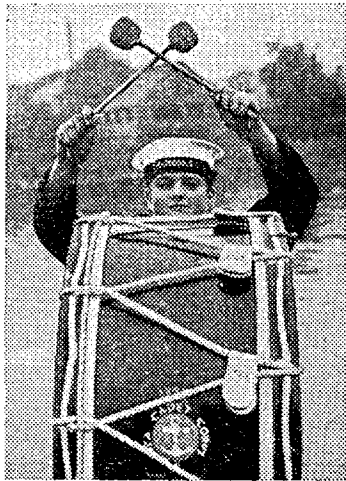
Spotters of the Ground Observer Corps—the U.S. equivalent of our R.O.C.—have a new style in hats.

Nicknamed the "Buzz Bonnet," it is a plastic helmet with a built-in detection set. Identification signals from the radio sets of approaching aircraft are picked up by the detector and made audible by a lightweight headphone in the spotter's helmet.

SOUTH SEA ISLAND AS PRIZE

First prize in a novel contest to promote travel in the Pacific is to be a real South Sea Island, given by the Fiji government.

The competition, details of which have yet to be announced, is being held by the Pacific Area Travel Association.



Big drum boy

Boy Cadet Roy Marshall has taken on a big job with the big drum in the Staines (Middlesex) unit of the Sea Cadet Corps.

MEASURING PLANE'S HEIGHT IN INCHES

An aircraft altimeter that will record a change in altitude of only 15 inches has been developed in America. Designed to work in conjunction with a new type of automatic pilot, it records changes of height in less than a quarter of a second.

As well as controlling the automatic pilot, so that it keeps an aircraft at a desired altitude, the new altimeter also enables the auto-pilot to control the rate of descent of a plane coming in to land.

NO WALKING FOR AIR PASSENGERS

Shortly to be installed on an airfield at Dallas, Texas, is a remarkable new type of airport conveyor which will carry passengers and their baggage straight from the ticket office to the planes, or bring incoming passengers from the planes into the terminal.

The conveyor is designed to run at a speed of just under two miles an hour, but can be adjusted to run faster or slower if desired.

Travellers will stand on a carpet, fastened to a series of platforms which are mounted on rubber-tyred wheels running on a steel track.

FIJIAN'S READ KIPLING

One of the busiest men in Fiji is Ratu (Chief) Luke Vuidreketi, who lives in a thatched house 12 miles from the city of Suva, the capital of these islands. For 16 years he has been translating English books into the Fijian language.

For a century the Fijian people have been able to read the Scriptures in their own language. Now, as a result of this chieftain's efforts, they can also enjoy such works as Gulliver's Travels, the Jungle Books of Rudyard Kipling, and the Scarlet Pimpernel books.

THEIR FIRST TALKIES

The people of the Pacific island of Pitcairn have been seeing talking films for the first time. A missionary brought back a projector and films after a visit to Australia.



Cosy in an old tin can

Smithy the potto from West Africa likes to curl up in an old tin can at the London Zoo.

THE INSECTS ARE FIGHTING BACK

The idea of wiping out the great insect-borne diseases like malaria with insecticides (insect-killers) such as DDT seems to be an unreliable one.

An article in the UNESCO Courier states that some 35 species of insects, including carriers of the world's most dangerous epidemic diseases, have now been found to be resistant to all existing types of insecticide.

Malarial-bearing mosquitoes are beginning to show immunity to DDT in some areas of Greece, Lebanon, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Panama, and the Mississippi basin. Insects which spread typhus can no longer be controlled by DDT in Korea.

But scientists are undertaking extensive research into new and improved methods of destroying the insects which bring disease to millions of mankind.

HE SAYS HE IS 167

New York doctors have been closely studying a South American native who claims that he is 167 years old and can remember events that happened 130 years ago. He is Javier Periera, a Colombian Indian only 4 feet 4 inches tall.

Doctors in South America who investigated his claim say that he is certainly over 120 years of age.

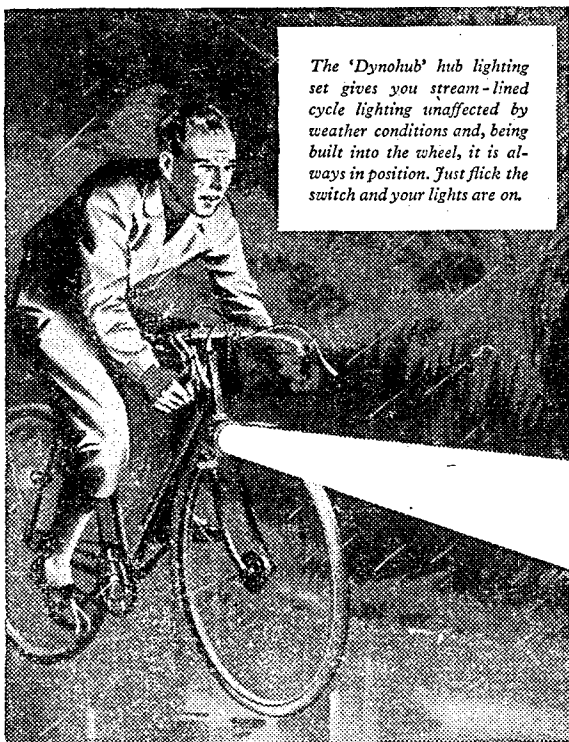
First reports from experts at New York's Cornell Medical Centre suggest that he may be as much as 150 years old.

IN JAMES THE FIRST'S OLD ROOM

Hawksworth Hall, a few miles north of Bradford, is to become a home for spastic children. A picturesque link with Tudor England, it has a Royal Chamber in which James the First is said to have stayed. This room will now become a children's dormitory.

REG HARRIS EXPLAINS

How the frictionless STURMEY-ARCHER 'DYNOHUB' gives effortless cycle lighting



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Combined 'Dynohub' and 3- or 4-Speed Gear

But for really efficient cycling by night and day, you'll need a bicycle fitted with both a 'Dynohub' and a Sturmey-Archer 3-

or 4-Speed Gear. If you want to save weight, choose the wonderfully compact rear hub which incorporates both gear and 'Dynohub' in one unit. Or they can be fitted separately, with the 'Dynohub' built into the front wheel. However you combine them, the name Sturmey-Archer on both Gear and 'Dynohub' is your guarantee of first-class cycling enjoyment for years and years to come.

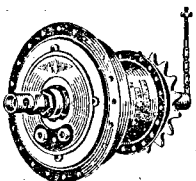


Reg Harris demonstrates the operation of the 'Dynohub'. Inside the hub shell the magnet revolves around a stationary armature. No outside transmission is required, so there is no friction to slow you down.

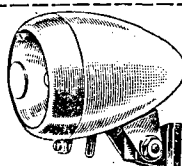
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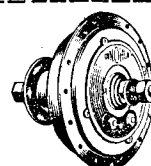
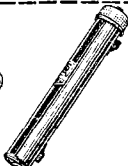
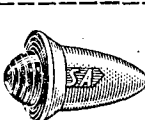
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RADIO AND TV

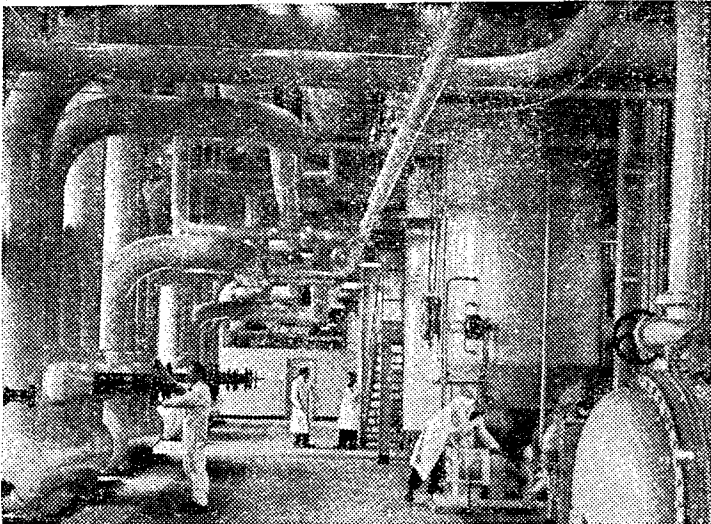
FIRST VISIT TO NUCLEAR POWER STATION

NEXT week sees another achievement added to those of recent years which have kept Britain in the forefront of the nations of the world. With the discovery of penicillin, the inventions of radar and jet propulsion, and the start of the first national TV service, we can now include the opening of the world's first full-scale nuclear power station.

Queen Elizabeth performs the inaugural ceremony at Calder Hall, Cumberland, at noon on October 17, and the event will be broadcast and televised by the

BBC. At 7.45 in the evening TV cameras will be admitted inside the station for the first time to show viewers the two huge reactors generating electrical power which is passed straight into the National Grid of the Central Electricity Authority.

Take a special look at the reactors. They are great cylindrical blocks of graphite pierced by channels containing uranium. Splitting the atoms in the uranium heats the surrounding gases, which are fed to the boilers to raise steam and drive the turbo-generators.



The basement of the turbine hall at Calder Hall

Negro spirituals

Few choirs have had a more remarkable history than the Fiske Jubilee Singers, who will sing Negro spirituals in BBC Children's TV on Friday. The group was first formed in 1871 by eleven young men and women, ex-slaves, who toured most of the world to raise funds for the new school set up on an abandoned slave market in Nashville, Tennessee.

On whales

WHAT is it which looks like a fish, behaves like a fish, spends all its life in the sea, and yet isn't a fish? The answer, of course, is a whale. In BBC Children's TV this Thursday Peter Scott will show films of the world's largest mammal and talk about it with Leo Harrison Matthews.

Old favourite returns

It is nine years since listeners to Children's Hour were first charmed with Noel Streatfeild's serial play Ballet Shoes, about three little girls who dream of becoming ballet dancers.

Because of its success, it was repeated in 1949, and I wonder how many present-day Children's Hour listeners heard it then? Next Friday it is being revived yet again, with Pauline, Petrovia, and Posie played by Patricia Field, Molly Maureen, and Denise Bryer.

I heard an interesting story about its publication in book form at the time of the first broadcast. Photographs of three little ballet students were needed for the book jacket—one fair-haired, one dark, and one with red hair—so the publishers applied to Sadlers Wells. The chosen red-haired girl had a name famous today—Moira Shearer.

Great Men of Letters

WHAT was Charles Dickens like in real life, and Lewis Carroll, author of Alice in Wonderland? These are two of the Men of Letters whose lives are to be dramatised in a monthly series in BBC Children's Hour, starting on Sunday.

The first subject will be Dr. Samuel Johnson, who compiled the earliest English dictionary. Johnson as a boy will be played by 13-year-old John Hall, of Hayward's Heath, Sussex. D. A. Clarke Smith will portray him in later life.

Other Men of Letters in the series will include Captain Marryat, one of the greatest writers of sea stories; George Borrow, remembered for his books on the gypsies; and Anthony Trollope, author of many novels depicting life in England in the 19th century.

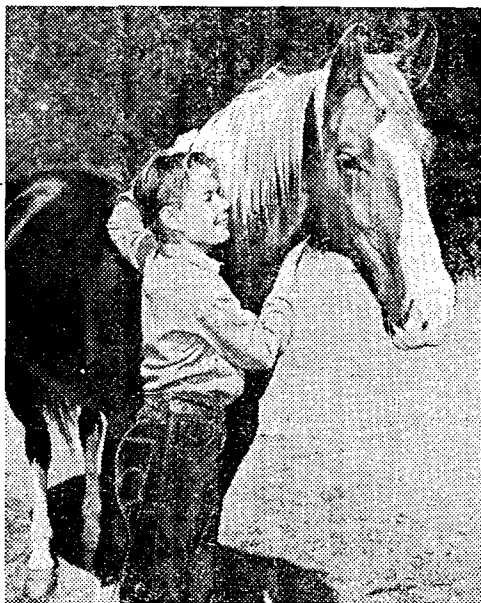
Champion is a television star

CHAMPION, whom you have probably seen with his master Gene Autry in Western films, is almost certainly the first horse to make a second name for himself in TV. This chestnut stallion from Nashville, Tennessee, is already famous on the American TV networks, and is said to get several hundred fan letters a day.

On Saturday he is to be seen in BBC Children's TV in the first of a fortnightly series called Champion, the Wonder Horse. Starring with him is 13-year-old Barry Curtis, playing the boy Ricky North, and a German sheep-dog called Rebel. These inseparable companions are joined by Ricky's uncle Sandy, played by Jim Bannon.

Crossroad Trail on Saturday tells how Ricky foils a pair of bandits with the help of Champion and Rebel.

ERNEST THOMSON



Barry Curtis of Los Angeles and Champion are the best of friends



Donkey delivery

In the Oxfordshire village of Watlington the morning milk is delivered with the help of Dobbin the donkey.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Old hunting grounds for American Indians

OCTOBER 7, 1763. LONDON—Indian tribes of North America are today guaranteed their freedom and the protection of their traditional hunting grounds in a proclamation signed by King George III.

The Ottawa Indians, allied with other powerful tribes, rallied this year under their chief, Pontiac, whose plan was to drive the British back across the Appalachian Mountains to the Atlantic coast and into the sea. Pontiac laid siege to Detroit in May, and

it has not yet been relieved. British garrisons have been attacked and relief forces sent to their help have been ambushed.

But now three of the tribes have made peace and today's proclamation guarantees to the Indians the lands between the Appalachians and the Mississippi. No white settlements are to be allowed in this territory; trappers are forbidden to enter without a licence; and the Indians are to enjoy undisturbed possession of their hunting grounds.

Princess Mary becomes Queen

OCTOBER 9, 1514. ABBEVILLE—Princess Mary, sister of King Henry VIII, who a few days ago had to be carried through the waves to her new kingdom, became Queen of France today when she married King Louis XII.

Now 18, the beautiful princess was married by proxy when a child to Prince Charles of Castile, grandson of the Emperor Maximilian, but in July of this year that contract was annulled, and a treaty of marriage to the French King was signed in London in August last.

When she left London on her way to France her brother and the court accompanied her in state to Dover.

The Channel crossing was hampered by a violent storm during which one of the ships in the escort was lost, and the ship carrying the Princess ran aground when entering Boulogne Harbour.

Her Royal Highness was put aboard a boat to be rowed to the beach, and one of the knights in her retinue, Sir Christopher Garnish, gallantly lifted her ashore and set her safely on French ground.

Arctic expedition returns

OCTOBER 10, 1823. LERWICK—After nearly 29 months in Arctic waters, the two gallant ships, Fury and Hecla, arrived safely here today.

The expedition to the Arctic set out from the Nore in May 1821. Captain William Parry commanded the Fury and Captain George Francis Lyon the Hecla.

It was Captain Parry's second expedition to the Arctic and he has been able to add considerably to his map of the northern wastes.

The two ships entered Arctic waters by way of Hudson's Strait and Fox's Channel. One winter was passed at Winter Island, another at Igloodik, and a new strait, now called the Fury and Hecla Strait, was traced to its junction with Regent Inlet.

Symptoms of scurvy began to show themselves, and Captain Parry judged it inadvisable to risk a third winter in the ice and ordered the return. From Lerwick the ships will sail to London.



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IT'S GREAT FUN TO MAKE YOUR OWN FILMS

A BOYS' school in East Ham, on the outskirts of London, has been making quite a name for itself in the last few years for its films. They are produced entirely by the boys themselves—script, lighting, camera-work, and acting. They work as a class, and each class takes two years to reach

and there the boys were poring over a number of technical magazines (I believe "poring" is the word—at least, when the headmaster comes into the room).

Full use is made of the British Film Institute's guide and of reviews of films to give pupils a background idea of what goes into a picture. They learn not only the technique of making a film, but how the story is thought out and the way that director and actors "put it across."

The idea behind this is to give boys a standpoint from which they can discuss the week's picture at the local cinema. They keep a

find out what goes on behind the scenes.

All boys in their third and fourth years at Cornwell School take this film-appreciation course, and from them the team is selected for shooting a new picture.

All subjects have a history, and it is necessary to understand what used to happen in order to understand what happens now. The cinema is no exception. So the Film Course teaches how the cinema camera was invented, with examples of early films, ways of acting and presenting stories, and so on. The boys see early Westerns, for example, and those old slapstick comedies which depended for their laughs on a luckless hero being chased round the houses by dozens of pursuers who kept on falling down in heaps. They are also made familiar with the technical terms of the studio.

The class does exercises in writing scripts and short "treatments," and pupils then criticise each other's efforts just as they have



Editing the processed film

efficiency, starting from scratch.

Cornwell Modern School, down in East Ham, is named after its most distinguished pupil, Jack Cornwell, V.C., the young hero of the Battle of Jutland in 1916. Though the local surroundings are not what you would call a beauty spot, they are full of life and make good backgrounds for the strong type of action picture these boys like to make. And not far away is Epping Forest, where a country house is taken over for a week each summer to provide a different type of location, if required.

The cast and production unit had just returned from a week's "shooting" there when I dropped in one afternoon to find out how it was all done.

The headmaster, Mr. W. E. Morris, took me along to the class,



The Clapper Boy and his board appear in the film at the beginning of each "take" or version of a scene. The best "take" can then be chosen by the editor

diary of what they have seen. The stars and the rest of the cast are noted, also who produced and directed the picture, with remarks on whether it seemed a success or not, and why. Full discussion takes place in class, prompted by the master, who is a member of the Society of Film Teachers.

Local cinema managers have been brought into the scheme and readily help by lending trailers of the new releases and arranging visits so that parties of boys can be shown the projection room and



The electrician on the set

learned to criticise pictures seen at their local cinema.

One result of it all was seen when, for my benefit, they put on three of the films made by the school.

The first, made in Epping Forest, was a breathless one-reeler called Race Against Crime. It concerned the theft of a silver cup for a steeplechase in which the boys were running, the climax being reached when the chase after the trophy is taken up by the entire field and the "thief" is finally set upon and subdued by two dozen infuriated runners. The fact that the burglar was a master in disguise added spice to the film. (The Head assured me that no audience in the kingdom enjoys a film so much as the boys of Cornwell do on seeing one of their own masters, in the capacity of villain, being vigorously attacked in the cause of righteousness.)

Another short comedy, Change the Subject, turned on the simple idea of two boys mistaking the day



Map-reading sequence, made in Epping Forest, for the film Our Day describing life at the school

of the week and thinking they had two periods of maths in front of them when the time-table really said Games. Being something that might easily happen to anyone, this made a good core round which to wind a story, and the resulting adventures were fast-moving and funny without ever being fantastic. Change the Subject, in fact, was shown at the National Film Theatre in June, and received high praise from the film critic of a big London daily.

Cornwell School also made a more ambitious picture called Our Day. It was worked out with the idea of getting parents interested in the school in a way that no amount of talking could do. Every sort of school activity comes into this picture, which not only achieved its original purpose, but was given a Four Star award in a national competition.

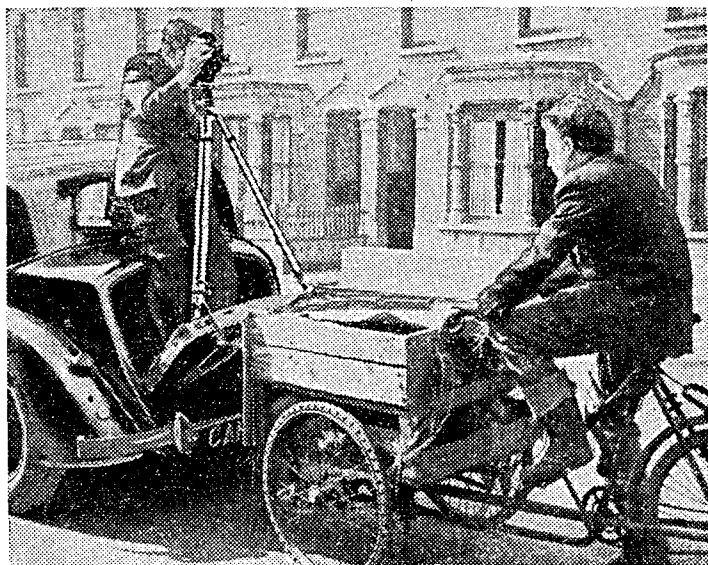
Production costs, by the way, work out to about £5 10s. for a film lasting five to seven minutes.

There are few boys who cannot find something to contribute to the making of a school film, whether in camera work or props, lighting or acting, or script-writing. The work already done in the art class or drama class comes in handy, and so, of course, do English lessons.

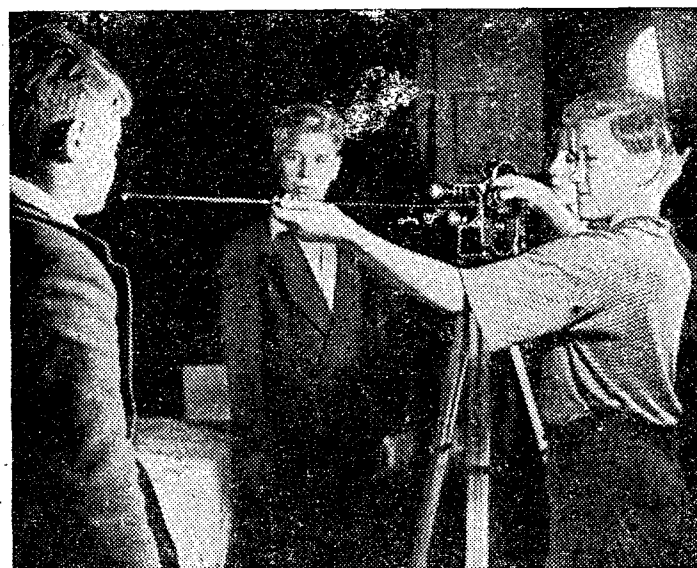
Many a lad who finds writing an essay as painful as going to the dentist will sit down quite cheerfully to say what he thinks of a film, whether it be one he is helping to make or one he has seen at the local cinema.

Discipline has to be strict, or nothing would ever get done in the time. And that is another useful lesson given to the young filmmakers of Cornwell School.

A. V. I.



A tracking shot from the back of a moving car during the making of the comedy film, Change the Subject



Checking the focus for a close-up in Treble Chance, one of the Cornwell School pictures

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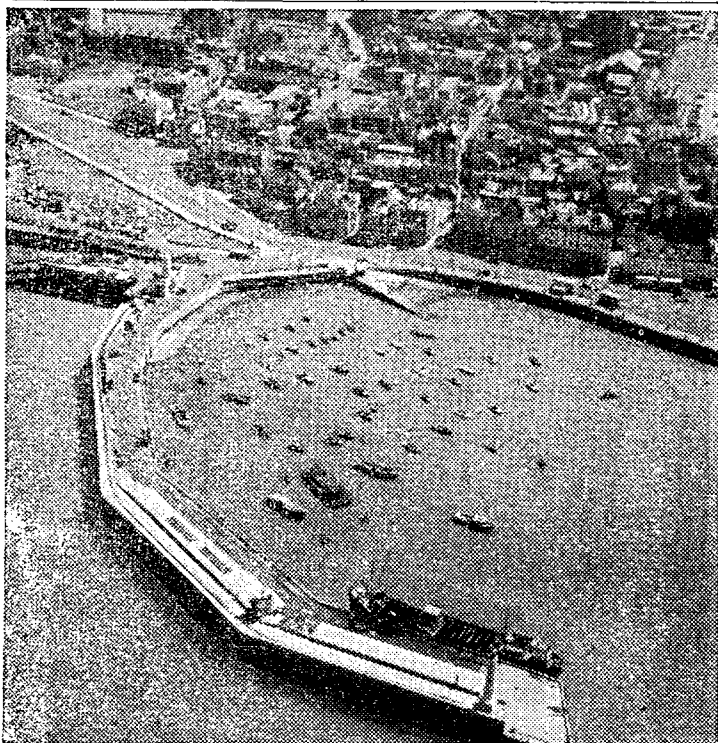
NEXT week the Duke of Edinburgh is starting on a voyage round the world.

After flying to Mombasa he will board the Royal yacht Britannia and sail to Ceylon, Malaya, and New Guinea. From there he will fly to Australia, and on November 22 will open the Olympic Games at Melbourne.



After the Olympics he will voyage in the Britannia again, southwards to New Zealand, and then on across the South Pacific to the edge of Antarctica, and into the Atlantic, with visits to many islands on the way. Altogether, he will be away for about four months.

The Duke is a sailor, always happy at sea; but as roving ambassador, with a host of official duties, he will have a long and arduous journey. We all wish him God Speed—and Safe Home Again!



OUR HOMELAND

The Editor's Table

TALE OF TWO MARYS

MARY WOOD of Gomersal and Mary Firth of Bridlington are two young ladies of Yorkshire whose lives have been remarkably linked. They were born on the same day (February 2, 1936) in houses separated only by a few hundred yards. They were both christened Mary on the same day at neighbouring churches.

As schoolgirls each promised to act as bridesmaid for the other's wedding, and the day came when Mary Wood wrote to Mary Firth, asking her to be bridesmaid at her wedding at Gomersal Parish Church.

But Mary Firth had to send her regrets to Mary Wood because she herself was being married at the nearby Methodist Church at the very same time on the very same day.

Think on These Things

To have a thankful heart is one of the most important things in life. It makes all the difference to our attitude towards other people, and towards the world in which we live. We sometimes meet people who are miserable and they have a depressing influence on everyone.

But the Christian should be a happy person, for to be a true follower of Jesus is to know a wonderful joy.

St. Paul says that "for all things" we are to be thankful, and the root of our thankfulness is the knowledge of God's love.

Paul learned through all his experiences, good and bad, the secret of always being thankful.
O. R. C.

JUST AN IDEA

As Thomas Carlyle wrote: Sincerity, a deep, great, genuine sincerity, is the first characteristic of all men in any way heroic.

Trouble in Verona

If ever you disturb our streets again,
Your lives shall pay the forfeit of the peace.

THUS, in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, does the Prince of Verona threaten old Capulet and Montague, whose quarrel had "thrice disturbed the quiet of our streets."

Now all the citizens of Verona alike are threatened with penalties should they disturb the peace, not by quarrelling but by allowing an animal to howl.

True, the punishment is not so severe—a heavy fine or three months' imprisonment; but as no suggestions for preventing the howling are made, the new law does seem a little hard.

A champion retires



Three times a winner of the British Women's Figure Skating championship, 16-year-old Yvonne Sugden has now retired. She plans to study languages.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, October 16, 1926

WE are apt to think of America as the country supremely blessed with electricity, but Sweden is even more advanced. She uses electrical cooking-stoves in forest cottages.

Nearly half the farms of Sweden are using electricity for lighting and power. In the United States not more than three per cent of the farms are receiving electric current from power lines. California claims the lead, with 554 million horse-power-hours of electric power used in agriculture, but 80 per cent of that is for irrigation.

Meanwhile, one corner of Hampshire is tremendously thrilled (a resident writes to us) "by the rumour that electricity is coming up from Portsmouth to the green-clad villages of the Meon." Can it be true?

SIMPLE GRACE

I PRAY not that
Men tremble at
My power of place
And lordly sway;
I only pray for simple grace
To look my neighbour in the face
Full honestly from day to day.
James Whitcomb Riley

THEY SAY...

THERE is nothing to be said for idleness—physically, mentally, or morally.

Dr. A. Meiklejohn,
Glasgow University

TELEVISION, like all progressive amenities, is fine if you have the strength of will to control it.

Mr. John Marsh, Director of
the Industrial Welfare Society

THE history of inventions shows that actual success depends not on originality and imagination but on knowing what to invent.

Professor J. D. Bernal of Birkbeck
College, London University

I HAVE begun to think I am quite a promising sort of chap, if I keep it up.

Augustus John, O.M., after
seeing an exhibition of his art

QUIZ CORNER

1. Where are a snail's eyes?
2. Does the Great Wall of China still exist?
3. Who was Goliath?
4. Are spiders dangerous?
5. Why is a long race called a Marathon?
6. What was the Window Tax?

Answers on page 12

Out and About

WIDE stretches of firm sand, broken up by remains of rock, slope gently from the sea up to the tide line of the shore.

Here are many attractive coastal birds, including the stint, crying gently "cheep-cheep" when it is not wading in shallow water for small creatures such as shrimps. Every now and then a number of stints will make a short flight together like tiny pigeons, to return to their former station either on some low rocks or on the sand.

But here also is the curious-looking sanderling, whose call sounds very like the lapwing's familiar "pee-wit," but is softer. Both the stint and the sanderling are mainly brown except for the white belly, but in winter most of the brown turns greyish.

A common companion of these is the dunlin, which has some black with brownish tones, and which makes a sound like a long rolling "r" on a high note.
C. D. D.

THAT'S THE WAY

WHERE the pools are bright and deep,
Where the grey trout lies asleep,
Up the river and o'er the lea,
That's the way for Billy and me.
Where the hazel bank is steepest,
Where the shadow falls the deepest,
Where the clustering nuts fall free,
That's the way for Billy and me.
James Hogg

The Children's Newspaper, October 13, 1936

Next Week's Birthdays

October 14

William Penn (1644-1718). Founder of Pennsylvania. While at Oxford he became a Quaker and was expelled, and later suffered imprisonment for his faith. Inheriting a fortune from his admiral father, he obtained a grant of land in America and founded what was to become one of the 48 States of U.S.A., and its capital, Philadelphia.

October 15

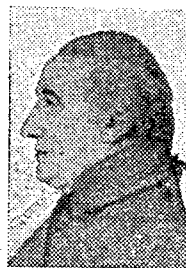
C. P. Snow (1905). Writer and civil servant. In his early career he was a scientist. He is about half-way through a great sequence of ten novels to be known as Strangers and Brothers. His wife is the novelist, Pamela Hansford Johnson.

October 16

Noah Webster (1758-1843). Compiler of the famous Webster's Dictionary. The War of American Independence gave him his purpose in life. His dictionary was largely the outcome of resolve to show independence of Britain.

October 17

William Scott, Lord Stowell (1745-1836). Judge of the court of admiralty at a time when the French wars kept it continually busy. His experience in his father's shipping business, added to his legal brilliance, led to his becoming an authority on maritime and international law.



October 18

Henri Bergson (1859-1941). Philosopher. Born in Paris of Anglo-Jewish parents, he adopted French nationality. He set out his complicated philosophical ideas in a clear style which earned him the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1927.

October 19

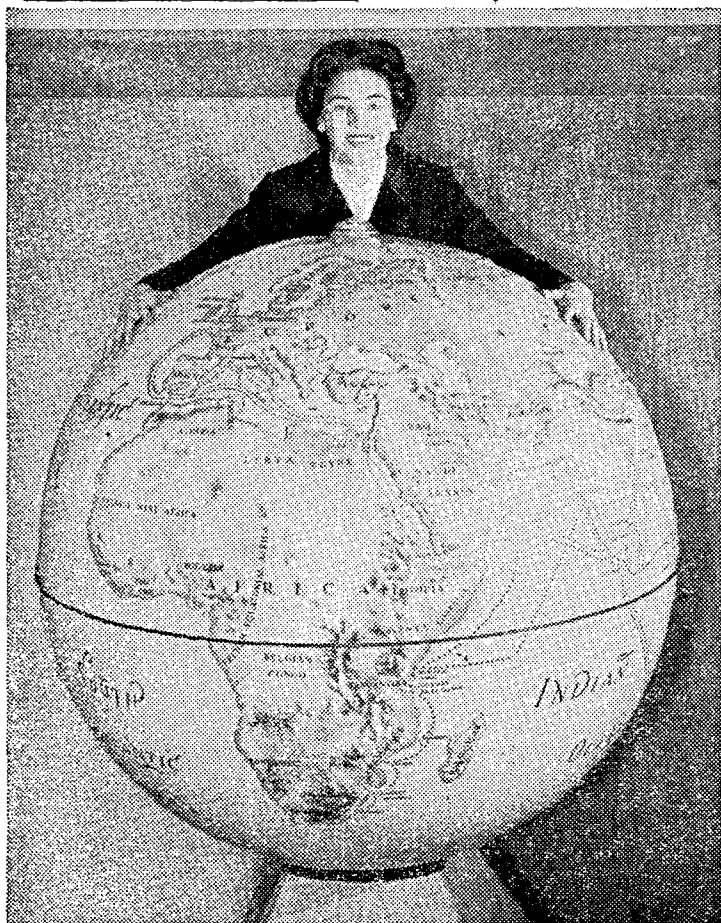
Sir Thomas Browne (1605-1682). Author. After studying medicine on the Continent he spent his life as a doctor in Norwich. But his fame rests on his books, which had a great influence on later writers.

October 20

Anna Neagle (1904). Film actress. Her real name was



Marjorie Robertson and she is a sister of Stuart Robertson, the singer. Under the direction of her husband, Herbert Wilcox, she has played in many films about the lives of outstanding English women, including Queen Victoria, Edith Cavell, and Florence Nightingale.



On top of the world

This 50-inch globe has been made for the London offices of the P & O Line. Lighted from the inside, it is believed to be the largest illuminated globe in the world.

LOST WITHOUT TRACE

Strange mysteries of the sea

Alan Villiers, seasoned mariner and distinguished author of sea stories, is to add another to his list of adventures when he crosses the Atlantic next April as skipper of the *Mayflower*, the replica of the famous Pilgrim Fathers' ship which was launched last month at Brixham in Devon.

This intrepid sailor has also just added another to his list of books. Its title is *Posted Missing* (Hodder and Stoughton, 16s.), and in it he relates the stories of ships that have disappeared mysteriously in recent years. The fate of some of these ill-starred vessels is known, but there have been others whose loss must ever remain unsolved mysteries of the sea.

LAST REPORT

Among the strangest mysteries was the disappearance of the five-masted barque *Kobenhavn*, a Danish training ship. She left Buenos Aires for Australia on December 14, 1928, with 45 young cadets, and when about 1000 miles out in the Atlantic was in radio touch with a steamer, reporting that all was well. After that nothing more was ever heard of the *Kobenhavn*.

How was it that such a fine vessel, commanded by an experienced captain, could completely disappear? An exhaustive search was made for some trace of her; inquiries were made at islands where survivors might have landed; captains of all ships that had been in the vicinity were questioned. But all to no purpose;

not so much as a lifebelt or a piece of wreckage was ever found.

But a missionary on the lonely island of Tristan da Cunha had a strange story to tell. He said that he had seen a vessel like the *Kobenhavn* drifting past the island with a broken mast and only one sail set. There appeared to be no one on board.

Subsequent investigation, however, suggested that the padre had mistaken another sailing ship, the *Ponape*, for the *Kobenhavn*. The *Ponape*, not in any trouble, had passed Tristan that day.

The only solution to the riddle of the missing school-ship seems to be that she struck a low iceberg and sank so quickly that no SOS could be sent.

It is but one of many strange stories of the ocean told in Alan Villiers' book.

PAINTING IN AN ISLAND CAVE

The "picture cave" on Davaar Island, at the entrance to Campbeltown Loch, Argyllshire, is in danger of suffering a roof structure break.

In the cave there is a big wall-painting of the Crucifixion, painted in 1887 by a local artist named Archibald McKinnon, as a memorial to his wife.

He rowed across to the island every night to work on his picture. When it became faded in 1934, he returned to Campbeltown to restore it.

REPORT ON WILD LIFE

ISLAND SEALS AND RARE BIRD VISITORS

WHILE you are reading these notes, Newcastle naturalists will be among the great colony of grey seals which return each autumn to breed on the Farne Islands off the Northumberland coast. They will be looking for the helpless, wide-eyed, newly-born seals in their white infant coats in order to weigh them and fit them with numbered identity tags.

The Farne Island colony is overcrowded, and more of the young seal-calves die than formerly. It has been learned that the grey seal's young takes to water much earlier than was once thought to be the case. Three days after it is born it may be receiving long swimming lessons from its mother. And on the youngster's ability to learn its life may well depend.

NEWCOMERS

Would you know a red-footed falcon if you saw one?

It is rather like a kestrel, only it does not hover so much, and its colour is much greyer, with truly red legs and rich, chestnut thighs. A rare summer visitor from south-eastern Europe, it made its first visit to Leicestershire this year when it spent several days hunting the young birds at a sand-martin colony at Rothley.

Another newcomer to Leicestershire birdlife was an American buff-breasted sandpiper which visited the muddy banks of the Eye Brook Reservoir, on the Rutland border, in August.

A red-necked phalarope, a dainty little wader nesting in Orkney and the Shetlands, but rare in the Midlands, arrived in its beautiful breeding plumage at a reservoir in south Staffordshire. Indeed, unusually large numbers of wader birds were seen in the Midlands this summer, because the Spring drought had left the reservoirs low, and the large expanses of exposed mud formed attractive feeding grounds.

There was a regular invasion of England this year by crossbills from the Continent. They are curious finches with the tips of their beaks crossed like pincers so that they can prise up the pine cone scales and obtain the seeds. The crossbills reached the Midlands and the Isle of Man.

SWAN CENSUS

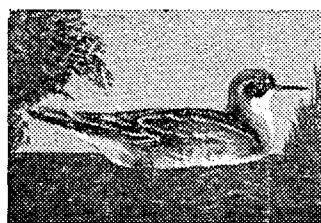
A census of swans found 99 pairs in Staffordshire, and all but eight were nesting. There were 71 in Warwickshire, of which six were not nesting, and 41 in Worcestershire, with six not nesting. Very big flocks of non-breeding swans, up to a hundred strong, live on the River Trent at Burton-on-Trent, on the Severn at Worcester, the Avon at Stratford-on-Avon, and the Dee at Chester. They consist largely of old or very young birds, or individuals who have been unable to win a mate or a nesting-site for themselves.

Now so many birds are on migration southwards it is interesting to learn of a particularly

long bird journey. A turnstone, which is a tortoiseshell-and-white wader from the arctic north, was ringed on Beadnell beach on the Northumberland coast while resting on its way to warmer climes, and was eventually traced to Libreville in French Equatorial Africa.

A bittern was found choked to death at Groby Pool, Leicestershire, after trying to swallow a twelve-inch pike, while a kestrel was seen to catch a fish in the River Coquet, Northumberland, as it jumped for a fly.

Many of you may have spent your summer holidays at the seaside in the Isle of Man. At Port Erin the Marine Biological Station



The red-necked phalarope, a dainty little wader

has been making studies of sea-shore life. For example, most of the scallops sold in London come from the Isle of Man, and knowledge of these creatures is valuable to a profitable industry. The biologists have also been studying the competition between limpets, barnacles, and seaweeds for "rock-space" in which to grow on the seashore.

The deciding factor seems to be



The crossbill, with its curious beak

the force of the waves beating upon the rocks and the fondness of the limpet for browsing on the seaweed growing there. Denser populations of limpets and barnacles are found in wave-beaten places than in shelter, where the seaweeds gain a hold; but if the waves are strong enough to loosen the limpets from the rock, the seaweeds may replace them.

On the other side of the country, at Lowestoft, there is a Fisheries Research Laboratory with a permanent exhibition. Here you see that the North Sea plaice, such as live on the Dogger Bank, grow twice as fast as those off the Dutch coast, because they are less crowded and have more food, such as razor shells and trough shells.

In fact, the North Sea is like a great pasture or feeding ground for bottom-haunting flat fish, and the Dogger Bank swarms with young razor shells, troughs and cockles, up to a thousand to the square yard. E. H.

OUR DUMB FRIEND BELLO (13)



YOUNG ACTOR MANAGER

People in Weston-super-Mare are forecasting a brilliant stage career for 17-year-old Roger Stone, who has his own theatrical company of 40 boys and girls between six and 16. He is now planning his second Christmas pantomime, *The Queen of Hearts*, and hopes thereby to raise £100 for the Old People's Fund.

Not only does Roger act and produce; he designs and makes all the costumes. (Already he has made 80 dresses for the Christmas show.) And with his father's help he designs and builds all the scenery.

Last Whitsun he and his young company gave up their holiday to entertain the old folk at Severn Croft Rest Home, and later they really launched out, hiring one of the town's largest halls for a show they called *A Cartload of Mischief*, in which Roger took the leading part. The "Cartload" raised £13 15s. for the old people.

CANTERBURY BELL TROUBLE

The peace of Canterbury Cathedral was shattered the other evening when the chiming mechanism of the clock went wrong.

At eight o'clock, the quarter, half, and three-quarter chimes sounded in quick succession. Then, at nine, the bell struck 30 times.

By ten o'clock the fault had been corrected and all was normal again.

SOMETHING WAS HERE FOR TEARS

Scores of people who passed through a certain area of Tollcross, in Edinburgh, suddenly found themselves weeping.

Their tears were caused by a leakage in an ammonia pipe of a refrigeration plant—a leakage which was quickly traced and repaired.



Aboard the old Boadicea

These pictures of the 150-year-old fishing smack *Boadicea* were sent to us by John Went, a young C.N. reader who lives at Brightlingsea and was particularly interested in a C.N. paragraph about this vessel. Out in a rowing boat on the River Colne one day, he and his family were invited on board by her owner and taken for a sail. These photographs were taken by his father at the time and it is evident that young John thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

ENGINE DRIVER'S TV

Soviet railway engines are to have TV sets linked to an infra-red headlamp which will give a clear view of the track for hundreds of yards ahead, even in fog or heavy rain.

Television is also being introduced into Soviet goods yards. Cameras set up at strategic points will enable shunters to see any part of the sidings when other wagons obscure direct vision.

RESTORING A BERLIN LANDMARK

Berlin's famous Brandenburg Gate, on the borders of the eastern and western sectors of the city, is to be restored by the East Berlin authorities.

This 18th-century arch was severely damaged during the war, and the quadriga, erected in 1794, was almost destroyed. Fortunately the plaster cast is in existence.

THE LONG STORY OF SPEECH

Most of us study at least one foreign language at school, and sometimes we wonder wistfully why everyone does not speak the same language. The story of why they do not is entertainingly told in Mario Pei's book for young people, *All About Language* (The Bodley Head, 12s. 6d.).

Mr. Pei takes us back to the probable beginnings of human speech, when some primitive man may have pointed to a dog and imitated its bark, "bow-wow." After that, whenever anyone in the tribe wanted to convey the idea of a dog, or dogs in general, he made the sound "bow-wow." Unfortunately, other primitive men imitated the dog's bark by other sounds—today a Frenchman makes it "oua-oua" and an Italian "bu-bu"—there were doubtless others who said "woof-woof."

Mr. Pei has much to tell us

about the growth of our own language. Some words have completely changed in meaning during the centuries. "Silly," for instance, once meant "blessed." Then it took on the meaning of "One so good as to be foolish," and finally the goodness dropped out and only the idea of foolishness remained.

"Nice," in medieval times, meant foolish. A "nice distinction" in argument meant a trifling or hair-splitting one. But many people admired such distinctions, and so "nice" came to mean anything pleasing. "Hello" or "Hallo" comes from the Anglo-Saxon, "Hale be thou!" and "thank you" comes from "I think of you (with gratitude)."

Most boys and girls will find this book a fascinating explanation of this power of speech which raises man above the animals.

OLYMPIC CORNER

THE ancient Olympiads were held over a period of more than 1100 years, being finally abolished in A.D. 394. The first of the modern Olympic Games took place in 1896, appropriately enough in Athens.

The revival of the Games was due to Baron Pierre de Coubertin, a French educationist, who issued an open letter to the world's athletic authorities in 1893.

Thirteen nations took part in the first of the modern Olympics. In the 1952 Games at Helsinki 71 countries were represented.

VISITORS to the Olympic Games will see Aboriginal boomerang throwers in action. The party will come from the La Perouse Reserve, near Sydney, where thousands of boomerangs are being made for sale to overseas visitors.

Each year the Aborigines from this reserve travel hundreds of miles in search of myrtle, needlewood, supplejack, mulga, mango, and sally-wattle trees, used for making the boomerangs.

GERMANY will be represented by a team of 68 men and women, chosen from both West and East Germany. The athletes will wear the same dress emblems, and the appropriate national anthem will be played in the event of individual winners. If the Germans win a team event, however, no national anthem will be played.

EACH competitor will receive a special commemorative medal designed by Andor Meszaros, a Hungarian who migrated to Australia 15 years ago. Made of bronze, the medal is 2½ inches in diameter. On one side is an Olympic standard encircled with the Olympic motto, and on the other side is Melbourne's coat-of-arms entwined with the five Olympic circles.

JOHN LANDY of Australia, who holds the world record for the mile, has been chosen to run the final mile of the relay which will carry the Olympic torch from Cairns to Melbourne.

ROBBERY UNDER ARMS, by Rolf Boldrewood—a tale of old Australia (6)



Kate had recognised Dick at the Turon gold diggings. She was now unhappily married to an elderly man, with whom she was running a hotel there, but she was still in love with her former fiancé, Dick. He no longer loved her, but dared not be unfriendly lest she should denounce him to the police as one of the two men who had escaped from Berrima gaol.



When Kate's sister Jeanie heard that her fiancé, Jim, was at Turon, she came up there from Melbourne. Jim, who still loved her dearly, asked her to marry him—trusting to hot-tempered Kate not to give him and his brother away. The wedding was a grand affair, attended by a crowd of their new friends at the diggings. Starlight was there with his "swell" companions—including the new Inspector of Police, Sir Ferdinand Morringer, and the Commissioner of the goldfields!



Jim and his wife took a little wooden cottage, and he and his brother worked at the same claim. They hoped to find enough gold to enable them to settle down to honest lives. Dick was really in love with Gracie Storefield, daughter of a neighbour near his old home, whom he had known since their childhood, and who had been loyal to him despite his crime and imprisonment.



One evening Kate told Dick how much she still loved him, and asked him anxiously if there was any other woman he cared for more than for her. Afraid of her, he answered no, but as he was leaving the hotel a letter he had received from Gracie fell from his pocket. Kate pounced on it and read it. Ever a jealous woman, she was almost mad with rage now.

Will Kate's regard for her sister stop her from denouncing the Marstons? See next week's instalment

THANKS TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings is due to recite a history imposition when an inspector arrives from the Ministry of Education. On first meeting him, Mr. Wilkins wrongly assumes him to be a police officer.

20. Credit to the Form

MR. WILKINS was wrapped in a pall of gloom when the bell rang for afternoon school, and as he made his way along to Form III classroom he met Mr. Carter returning from the headmaster's study.

"Ah, there you are, Wilkins! Just going into class?" Mr. Carter inquired.

His colleague nodded without enthusiasm.

"I've got that wretched Form III for history this lesson."

"In that case, make sure they're on their toes. The inspector intends to visit your class during the lesson."

Mr. Wilkins winced.

"This is dreadful, Carter. I can't face that man again, after what happened this afternoon. It was too embarrassing for words!"

"Nonsense. When I saw him in the Head's study just now he



Mr. Wilkins relaxed with a sigh of gratitude

seemed to think the whole thing was highly amusing."

"Amusing! It's all very well for him to laugh, but how do you think I felt?"

"Never mind, Wilkins," Mr. Carter consoled him. "Make up for it by showing him what a brilliant history class you've got."

"Doh!" Mr. Wilkins clutched his head in both hands. "I know just what'll happen, Carter. They'll be at their worst. He'll go away thinking they're even more dunder-headed than he knows they are already."

Drooping with dejection he made his way into the classroom and started writing notes upon the blackboard.

"Copy this down in your best writing," he said in a funereal voice.

Jennings raised his hand.

"Please, sir, it's Friday, sir, and—"

"Be quiet!" snapped Mr. Wilkins. In normal circumstances he would have remembered the imposition he had set the previous week, but the events of the afternoon had banished the matter from his mind.

"But, sir—"

"You heard what I said! Copy this down!"

The lesson had not been in progress for very long when the inspector arrived. For some minutes he strolled round the

Beginning next week:

CHASE THE CONWAYS

A new thriller of the river

by

GEOFFREY MORGAN

room peering over the boys' shoulders. Then, after a brief word with the master in charge, he turned to the Form and said:

"I see you're studying the latter part of the thirteenth century. A most interesting period, and I'm sure you boys can tell me something about it, eh?"

He paused expectantly, but there was no rush of volunteers eager to embark upon an historical summary of the Plantagenet period.

"Come, now," he urged. "Who can suggest, for instance, what it must have been like to have lived in those times?"

Again there was silence. Mr. Wilkins groaned inwardly and stared out of the window.

Critical moment

"Nobody? Think, now!" The inspector's glance swept round the room.

By the window Mr. Wilkins closed his eyes. Trust Form III to let him down at the critical moment!

Form III shuffled and coughed and relapsed into silence until Mr. Macready made one last attempt to jog their memories.

"Well, one of the most important of the Angevin kings came to the throne in 1272 and—"

There was a sudden commotion from one of the front desks as a boy leaped to his feet with arm upraised, punching the air above his head in frantic determination to attract attention.

"What is it?" the inspector inquired.

"Please, sir, you mean Edward I, sir. I can tell you absolutely everything about him, honestly, sir."

It was the mention of the date 1272 that had released the post-up stream of knowledge in Jennings' mind. That was something he *did* remember. Every day for the past week he had turned his eyes upon the heading: Edward I, 1272-1307.

"What is your name?" Mr. Macready inquired.

"Jennings, sir."

"I see. Well, Jennings, I'm sure we shall be only too pleased to hear what you have to say."

His moment had come. Jennings stood to attention, cleared his throat, and then declaimed in a loud and confident voice:

"The reign of Edward I saw Parliament used for the first time in history as an instrument of government. It was during this time that great reforms were made in legal matters, for Edward's aim was to . . ."

The words poured out without hesitation, while Form III sat back and silently applauded the silver-tongued orator in their midst.

Good impression

Mr. Macready beamed encouragement from the master's desk. Not only was he impressed by the historical accuracy of the recital, but he was also amazed at its fluency.

Over by the window Mr. Wilkins relaxed with a sigh of gratitude. It was going to be all right, after all!

The hushed room listened with close attention as Jennings warmed to his task, and all eyes were focused on the speaker as he reached the climax of his lecture.

" . . . and on July 3, 1307, he set out from Carlisle, but he died within sight of Scotland four days later. It may be fairly said," Jennings concluded in ringing tones, "that with the reign of Edward I begins modern England—the England we know today."

There was a short pause to allow the audience to express its appreciation in a buzzing undertone. Then Mr. Macready said:

"Thank you, Jennings. That was certainly a most admirable answer to my question."

High praise

"It was nothing, really, sir," Jennings replied modestly. "Just a few facts I—sort of—happened to remember."

A glance at the Form room clock warned Mr. Macready that it was time for him to go. At the door he turned and said:

"Well done, Jennings. You're a credit to the Form."

As the door closed behind him the buzz of appreciation broke out once more, and Mr. Wilkins remarked pleasantly:

"H'm! Well, that was very gratifying."

"Yes, sir. And it was all thanks to Jennings, wasn't it, sir?" said Darbishire.

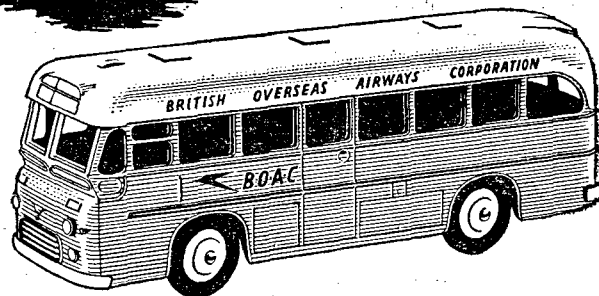
"Good old Jen! I reckon he deserves a reward," added Atkinson.

"Yes, why not, sir?" Venables searched his mind for some tribute fitting to the occasion. "I know, sir! You could let him off that punishment you set him last week."

"Well—er—yes, I think, in the

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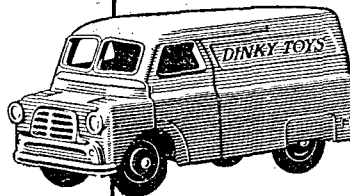
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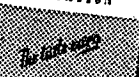
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SPORTS SHORTS

THE Australian Rugby League team now in this country for a three-month tour play their first match this Wednesday against Liverpool City. On Saturday they meet Leeds. The last Australian visit to this country was in 1952, when the tourists played 27 matches, losing only three and drawing one.

THE last big athletics match of the season takes place this Wednesday when London meet Budapest under floodlights at the White City. All the leading Hungarian track and field athletes, both men and women, will be in opposition to many of our own Olympic stars. Unfortunately, the London team will not be as strong as it might have been, as several of our leading runners are already in Australia, or on their way there.

All-rounder

MARK PHARAOH, A.A.A. champion discus thrower, who is a flying officer, decided to enter the recent R.A.F. decathlon championship as part of his Olympic training. Although he competed in only nine of the ten events, he won the title.

NEXT Monday and Tuesday England meet Denmark in a swimming international in Birmingham. The British team will include many of our Olympic swimmers.

ANOTHER international sporting event next Tuesday is the London v. Rome boxing match at the Royal Albert Hall. The tournament might be re-named "England v. Italy," for four of the London team are A.B.A. champions, and two of them, Nicky Gargano and Ron Redrup, are among Britain's Olympic boxing selections. Several of the Rome representatives are also possibles for Melbourne.

Young international



Jean Harrower, who at 13 is the youngest ever to play table tennis for England's junior team, gets down to make a low return in a practice game.

MICHAEL LINDSAY, 17-year-old Marylebone Grammar School boy who set up a new A.A.A. junior discus record earlier this summer, has now added the British junior weight-put record. At an end-of-season meeting, the hefty Glasgow-born lad beat the previous record four times. His best effort was 58 feet and half an inch.

FOR the fourth successive year Pat Moody has won the British women's canoeing championship. Pat had to borrow a canoe for the recent championships, for her own had already been shipped to Melbourne, where she will represent Britain.

BILL HOSKYN, Somerset fruit farmer and British épée champion, is known as "the flying fencer." Twice a week he has been flying in his own Auster plane from his home to London for practice with other members of Britain's Olympic fencing team.

OLYMPIC HOPES-5

GORDON PIRIE

A few hundred yards from Gordon Pirie's Coulsdon home lies Farthing Down, a swelling Surrey upland that was once a Saxon settlement. Farthing Down has been Gordon's training ground for years. It has been here that, hour after hour, night after night, he put in that intensive preparation that has taken him to the top.

At Helsinki he was fourth in the 5000 metres, won by Emil Zatopek, whom he has since defeated. He goes to Melbourne as a British entry for the 5000 and 10,000 metres much more mature than four years ago, and holder of the world records for 3000 and 5000 metres.



ON his first appearance at centre-forward for the Bristol North Boys' Club, David McCormick scored 17 goals. His team won 34-1. Last season the Bristol North Boys' team scored 378 goals.

THE world one-hour unpaced cycling record has been achieved by the Italian amateur Ercole Baldini, who covered 28.9 miles in Milan. This beat the previous record set up by Jacques Anquetil, the French professional. This year Baldini also won the Isle of Man international race and the world amateur pursuit title in Copenhagen.

JEANETTE SMITH, aged 17, of Weston-super-Mare, is the first holder of the new Somerset women's 100 yards butterfly championship, which she won in 93 seconds.

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NEWS FROM THE ZOO

Mr Jiggs is amusing but he can no longer be trusted

One of the most popular inmates of the London Zoo monkey house—the 11-year-old orang-utang known as “Mr. Jiggs”—will get no more outings from his cage. He is no longer to be trusted.

“For some months past Mr. Jiggs has been getting increasingly difficult to manage,” a Zoo official told me. “His temper has deteriorated noticeably—he frequently grinds his teeth, which is always a danger signal.”

YOUNG AT HEART

“In former years Mr. Jiggs was often brought out to be photographed with visitors, but in future he will have to stay permanently in his cage. There is no doubt, however, that he will continue to draw large audiences. He is still a most amusing animal and, in spite of his beard and ‘old man’ appearance, keeps quite youthful at heart.”

“He has many tricks that make people laugh. One is his fondness for wearing unconventional hats. Given a newspaper, he promptly converts it into a strange form of headgear. But his favourite prank is to get hold of his keeper's hat and put it on himself. When admonished for doing so, Mr. Jiggs reluctantly hands it back, but shakes hands quite amiably

with his keeper. He must have made more visitors laugh with this trick than any other animal we have at the Zoo.”

A rare bird family hatched recently at the peacocks' aviary is a brood of white Indian peafowl. First of its kind bred at Regent's Park, the brood consists of four chicks. “It is rather late in the season,” says Mr. John Yealland, curator of birds, “but the brood seems a very healthy one and should survive. The parents are completely white.”

“The chicks are equally lovely little things, with a yellowish plumage which later will turn all-white. We were lucky to get this brood,” Mr. Yealland added. “The parents, which were given to us some years ago from different sources, nested earlier this season for the first time, but the eggs failed to hatch.”

FAMILY OF 60

Much more numerous is a family just hatched at the insect house laboratory. This is a brood of some 60-odd stick-insects. The nymphs (as baby stick-insects are called) were hatched from eggs laid by a large stick-insect brought back from Corsica. The mother stick-insect has since died, but officials have every hope of rearing the babies.

The nymphs measure about ½-inch each. They have bright-green thin bodies and hang like tiny trapeze artists from the leaves of a bramble fixed in their “nursery” cage, and on which they feed. When mature, these stick-insects should measure about four inches.

Anna, the Chilean condor, has just died at the Zoo. The second largest bird of prey in the collection, Anna lived until recently in a large flight aviary with her mate Bill. But Bill began to bully her rather badly, insisted on taking the choicest part of the rations, and, latterly, refused to allow Anna to feed at all.

50 YEARS OLD

Removed to the sanatorium, Anna received special attention and feeding. But it was too late to save her.

Anna was the only female condor in the collection. “We are left now with two males,” said an official. “But they cannot be put together, for they would fight. We shall try to obtain a new mate for Bill from South America.”

Anna's age is unknown, but experts agree that she was well on in life—“perhaps half a century old,” said the official.

CRAVEN HILL

THANKS TO JENNINGS

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circumstances, that might be a suitable gesture,” Mr. Wilkins agreed, with a smile.

Jennings was shocked by this outrageous suggestion.

“Oh, no, sir!” he protested indignantly. “You can't let me off my punishment now, sir. It's too late. You've just heard me say it—all six pages without a prompt! But I know what you could do instead,” he went on, as an alternative came into his mind. “You could owe me a punishment, sir.”

“Owe you one?” Mr. Wilkins echoed blankly.

“Yes, sir. You could call it punishment in advance, sir,” Jennings explained. “So next time I do anything wrong, you could agree not to say anything about it, and then we shall be all square again, sir.”

Extraordinary ideas

“Well, I—I never heard such a fantastic suggestion in my life!”

Mr. Wilkins' mild expostulations were interrupted by the bell for the end of the period. He picked up his books and made his way from the classroom, shaking his head in puzzled wonder. Punishment in advance, indeed! Tut, what extraordinary ideas these boys got into their heads!

The door of the masters' Common room opened as he approached and Mr. Carter strolled out.

“Well, Wilkins, have a good history lesson?” he asked.

The answer was unexpected.

“Yes, rather. Everything went splendidly—thanks to Jennings.”

Mr. Carter raised one eyebrow.

“You surprise me,” he said.

In point of fact, Mr. Wilkins had rather surprised himself with the phrase which had sprung to his lips, and he stood thinking about it long after his colleague had disappeared.

Because of Jennings

For it was thanks to Jennings that the orderly routine of the school—to say nothing of his own peace of mind—so often broke down in chaos and confusion. The trouble he had been caused over the disappearing guinea pig; the turmoil he had had to put up with on the organised outing; the embarrassment he had endured at his meeting with the so-called police officer—all these were thanks to Jennings.

And yet, Mr. Wilkins reminded himself, it was also thanks to Jennings that Her Majesty's inspector had gone away deeply impressed with Form III's progress in history.

If Jennings could claim credit for that, then surely there must be something to be said for the silly little boy, after all!

THE END

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CLEANED ALREADY

FATHER's watch had stopped. "I suppose it needs cleaning," he said.

"Oh, no, Daddy. It can't be that. I gave it a good wash in the bathroom this morning."

THE BEE

As I was running in to tea
I bumped into a busy bee.
So vexed it was, I felt a sting,
Then off it flew, the cruel thing.

My mummy ran to make me well;
She had a lovely tale to tell,
Of bees who spend the summer hours
Gathering sweetness from the flowers.

And now my face is bright and sunny,
I do enjoy this bread and honey.
I feel I can forgive that bee,
It really has been kind to me.

BEDTIME TALE

BILLY SHINES AT HIS JOB

PAUL, who lived next door to Billy, had been given a pair of roller skates for his birthday. Although he could not balance very well, he had great fun skating up and down the path from the front door to the gate.

He let Billy have a go, too, but Billy could hardly stand, let alone skate. Even so, he thought he would like a pair of his own.

"I'm going to ask Mummy," he said, and went off indoors. He found Mummy upstairs polishing the lino in the bathroom.

"Mummy," he said, rushing in, "can I have a pair of skates like Paul's?"

"Skates!" said Mummy. "You're

THE LESSON

A WIT saw a notice in an iron-monger's shop which said "Iron sinks." He went in and said, "I know iron sinks."

"Quite so," replied the assistant coolly, "and time flies, acid drops, jam rolls, Niagara falls, holiday trips—"

But the witty one had fled in despair.

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars is in the south and Saturn is in the west. In the morning Venus is in the south-east. The picture shows the Moon as it will appear at seven o'clock on



Thursday evening, October 11.

JACKO RISES TO THE OCCASION



Jacko, Chimp, and Baby were on a blackberrying expedition. "Not many here," grumbled Chimp and Baby searching a low bush which had already been well picked. But Jacko had brought his stilts, and he had found a bumper crop on a high bank. "I like the top places," he said, "and so do the blackberries."

CLEVER FORESTER

THERE was a wondrous forester,
And wondrous wise was he,
For, with an axe and many whacks,

He once cut down a tree.
And when the tree was wholly down,

He worked with might and main,
And straightway took another axe
And cut it up again.

JAUNT AND JOURNEY

"Two to China," said the witty one, proffering a half-crown to a London bus conductor.

The conductor said nothing, but gave him two tickets and some change.

"Here, what's this?" said the surprised passenger.

"Those two tickets will take you to the docks. You can get a boat from there."

SPOT THE . . .

HEDGEHOG FAMILY as they amble along looking for titbits. There may be from four to seven in a litter. At first they are blind and their spines are soft and white. These soon harden and turn dark.

It is about a month before a young hedgehog masters the trick of rolling rapidly into a ball. Until this necessary act is performed, he must stay at home.

Hedgehogs eat almost anything crunchable, including snakes, lizards, rats, and mice. But a saucer of milk is much appreciated and may encourage regular visits to a garden.

Young hedgehogs sometimes stay with their parents for the first year of their lives.

PAST AND FUTURE

A MAN wrote a series of jokes and hopefully posted them to the editor of his local newspaper. A day or two later he received this reply:

"Dear Sir,—Many thanks for the jokes you kindly sent us. Some we have seen before, others we have not yet seen."

QUIZ CORNER ANSWERS

1. The Garden Snail has two pairs of tentacles and the eyes are at the ends of the upper and larger pair, called horns.
2. Yes, it was built about 200 years before the Christian era, and parts of its total length of some 1400 miles are still in a good state of preservation.
3. The huge Philistine warrior vanquished in single combat by David (I. Samuel 17).
4. In Britain they are dangerous only to insects, especially flies.
5. Because news of victory after the Battle of Marathon (490 B.C.) was brought to Athens, 22 miles away, by a runner who died of exhaustion after delivering his message. Hence any long distance running race is called a Marathon.
6. A way of producing revenue by putting a tax on windows if there were more than six in a house. It was first levied in 1635 and abolished in 1851. It often accounts for the bricked-up windows sometimes seen in old houses.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Word square	LAST WEEK'S ANSWER
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ARID	ALT RAPID
RIDE	PROVED EM
EDEN	ENIGMA I
Hidden proverb	IDES IVAN
Many hands make light work	R STARES
What quotation is this? To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man	AN AVERTS
Riddle-me-ree. Penguin	TORSO SEA
Town teasers. Peterborough, Hartlepool, Leominster, Maryport, Normanton, Felixstowe	HEEL WHERE

Both ends the same OSLO
REAR
LOLL
AREA
NOON
DEAD
OTTO

What's in your satchel? Hat, tea, cat, cash, seat, seal, latch

WORD SQUARE

The answers to these clues read the same across and down. Can you say what they are?

NAKED. Hot and dry. You do this on a horse. Home of Adam and Eve.

HIDDEN PROVERB

If you look carefully at this sentence, and alter one letter in each word, you will find you have formed a well-known proverb. MARY LANDS MAZE TIGHT WORM.

RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in sport, and also in play;

My second's in week, but not in day.

My third is in new, but not in old;

My fourth is in glitter, and also in gold.

My fifth is in up, but not in down;

My sixth is in city, but not in town.

My seventh's in thunder, in lightning, too—

My whole is a creature seen at the Zoo!

TOWN TEASERS

Correctly paired, these words will make six towns.

PETER	TON
HARTLE	BOROUGH
LEO	PORT
MARY	STOWE
NORMAN	POOL
FELIX	MINSTER

WHAT'S IN YOUR SACHEL?

The letters you require to make the answers to the clues given below are all contained in the word satchel.

SOMETHING to wear, to drink, to fondle, to spend, to rest on, to put on your letters, to put on your gate.

BOTH ENDS THE SAME

In the following, the words which are answers to the clue should be written one below the other. The first and last letters read downwards will then both give the name of the same character in Shakespeare's *As You Like It*.

CAPITAL of Norway.

To bring up.

Region or tract.

Mid-day.

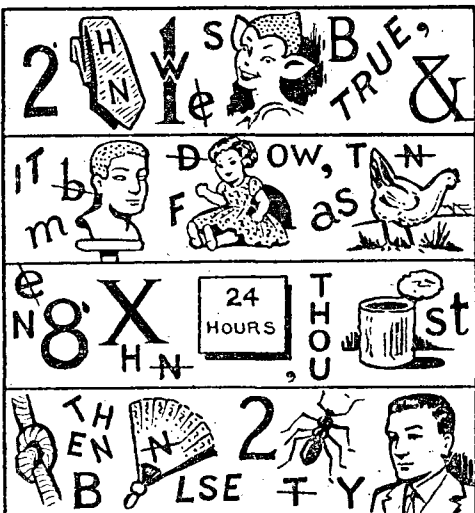
Not living.

Christian name.

The answers to these puzzles are given in column 5

A SHAKESPEARE PUZZLE

THIS puzzle represents a quotation from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Can you decipher it? (One or two of the words appear as they sound, and not as they are spelt. For example knot is not).



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